

death should serve as a reminder of the ongoing need for improvement in Turkish-Armenian relations.

Hrant Dink worked as the editor of "Agos", a bilingual paper designed to reach both Turks and Armenians. He was an outspoken advocate of democratic change and freedom of speech.

While Turkish officials rightly condemned the political killing, Turkey has not yet repealed Article 301 of the Turkish Penal code, which makes it illegal to discuss the Armenian Genocide. This law, which criminalizes free speech, hampers Turkey's efforts to restore their relationship with Armenia, a goal the Turkish government claims to desire.

Hrant Dink's death was more than an assassination; it was an attack on the principle of free speech. Turkish officials should use the anniversary of his death as an opportunity to restore open communication between the citizens of both countries. Lasting reconciliation must be built on uninhibited dialogue and Turkey can begin building the road to restoration by recognizing the Armenian Genocide.

We remember the legacy of Hrant Dink by encouraging Turkey to tolerate democratic freedoms and rebuild their relationship with Armenia.

HONORING PASTER LLOYD
MADDOUX AND HIS WIFE PAT

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of great community and spiritual leaders, Paster Lloyd Maddoux and his wife Pat for their 25 years of service to the ministry at the First Assembly of God in Conroe, Texas. Pastor Maddoux is a true servant to society and has left a lasting impression on numerous lives.

Pastor Maddoux has touched countless lives—when people are in every season of life. Pastor Maddoux has celebrated with families when he's officiated at their weddings and offered blessing over the birth of a new baby. He's helped new Christian believers grow closer in their walks with their Savior through Bible teachings and baptism. He has helped honor the lives of men and women who have passed away with funerals that celebrated their lives and offered hope of eternity through Jesus Christ.

A Pastor is a servant to his congregation and community. Pastor Maddoux has opened up his home church as a shelter for Hurricane Rita victims, where over 300 people and pets took shelter. He and Pat have opened their home many times to help strangers, neighbors and friends.

Not only has he touched lives in our community, but he has reached out to do missions all over this country, as well as abroad in Mexico, the Philippines, Seoul, Korea, West Africa and Turkey. Pastor Maddoux has also touched lives through participating in prison ministries.

He has served in numerous positions such as the board of Greater Houston Teen Challenge and mission boards for the South Texas District-North Houston Section. Pastor Maddoux was a National Finals Chairman for the Oral Roberts University Educational Fel-

lowship. He is the current Presbyterian of the North Houston Section of the Assemblies of God Ministers and also served as a committee member. He has helped with Lifestyle Ministries Radio and Lifestyle Christian School, which began in 1985. He is the originator of many traditions in our community, such as the National Day of Prayer in Conroe and the Men's Day of Prayer. He was also a manager at the Kids Camp Victory.

Madam Speaker, Pastor Maddoux and his wife Pat are rare individuals whom I respect greatly. Our nation joins me in honoring both of them today for their 25 years of service to our community and First Assembly of God in Conroe, Texas.

IN HONOR OF ROBERT HUBER

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to my longtime friend and one-time colleague Robert Huber in recognition of being awarded the Strathearn Lifetime Achievement Award by the Simi Valley Community Foundation.

Bob Huber has been involved in my hometown of Simi Valley, California, for more than 40 years, and I have known him for more than 30 of those years. We worked together on many community projects over the years and served together some decades ago on the Simi Valley City Council.

In addition to his service on the City Council, Bob is past chairman of the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce, an active member of Rotary Noon Time, and an elected member of the Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees.

He is also a charter Board Member of the Simi Valley Community Foundation.

It's his passion for the community, and the Community Foundation in particular, for which he is being honored with the Strathearn Lifetime Achievement Award.

Several years ago the Community Foundation nearly closed due to a lack of community identity. Bob is credited with turning that around. His ideas, passion, and drive helped refocus the foundation. Today, it is again growing and thriving. One of Bob's inspirations was the foundation's successful Mayor's Dinner, which he has chaired for the past 3 years. This and other successful events have enabled the foundation to raise and grant monies to other charities annually.

Bob is also a trial lawyer, but nobody's perfect.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in thanking my friend Bob Huber for his decades of service to the community and join the Simi Valley Community Foundation in tribute to a job well done.

HONORING THE LIFE OF U.S.
ARMY SPC JON MICHAEL "MIKE"
SCHOOLCRAFT III

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, on January 19, 2008, the great states of Indiana and Ohio lost a brave son. Army SPC Jon Michael "Mike" Schoolcraft III was killed in Iraq from injuries sustained when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device. A native of Wapakoneta, OH, several members of Specialist Schoolcraft's family currently live in Madison, IN, in Jefferson County.

Mike, as he was known, enlisted in the Army with a friend after graduating from Wapakoneta High School in northwest Ohio in 2001. At Wapakoneta High he excelled at wrestling and baseball, and enjoyed spending time outdoors.

Before embarking on his second 15-month deployment, Schoolcraft promised his mother that this would be his last deployment. He looked forward to finding a stateside military contracting job and living with his new wife.

Specialist Schoolcraft's father, Mike, Jr., described him as a "typical All-American boy." He was a hero to his father. He further described his son as "very respectful" and that the Army took this wonderful young man and made him better.

Before deploying, Schoolcraft told his mother that he was going to Iraq for a reason: to keep his loved ones safe.

SPC Jon Michael Schoolcraft III is a true American hero. His sacrifice for our Nation deserves our most heartfelt thanks. I, along with Specialist Schoolcraft's family, and the towns of Madison, IN, and Wapakoneta, OH, will mourn Mike's premature death. His friends and family are in my prayers.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS TO
REDUCE RISKS OF WILDFIRES TO
FOREST-AREA COMMUNITIES

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Speaker, Colorado and other Rocky Mountain States face a very real risk of severe wildfires in our forest lands, which directly threaten many communities and critical resources, including water supplies.

There are several reasons. One is drought. Another is past management that over-emphasized fire suppression, even though fire is an inescapable part of the ecology of our western forests, with the result that in many parts of the forests there is an accumulation of underbrush and small-diameter trees greater than would be present if there had been more, smaller fires over the years. They provide the extra fuel that can turn a small fire into an intense inferno.

The problem has been made worse by our growing population and increasing development in the places where communities meet the forests—the "wildland-urban interface." And when you add the effects of widespread